Rs. in cr.

2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
19.68	16.69	9.91	14.60	12.18	11.88

(c) 24 stations.

Cost of road overbridges and underbridges

3494. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a demand to meet 75 per cent of the cost of road over and under bridges for their early completion by the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Railways had agreed to meet the 75 percent cost of the above works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) There have been demands for the Railways to bear increased share of cost of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) in varying proportions from present 50% to upto 100%. The matter was taken up by Standing Committee on Railways 14th Lok Sabha while considering the Demands for Grants 2004-05 of the Ministry of Railways. The Committee has recommended that Railway to undertake the complete work of ROB including approaches subject to condition that Railway's share from Central Road Fund (CRF) is enhanced and Railways be exempted from paying diesel/petrol cess and instead be allowed to utilize the same fund towards construction of ROB/RUBs. The committee further directed that this suggestion be forwarded to Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission for their consideration.

Accordingly, matter has been referred to Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission and also a Draft Cabinet Note regarding enhancement of Railway share from (CRF) has been circulated to concerned Ministries for their views and onward submission of proposal to Cabinet.